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SUBJECT: KING BIRENDRA'S DASAIN MESSAGE

1. KING BIRENDRA'S DASAIN MESSAGE TO NATION, DELIVERED OCTOBER 25, EMPHASIZED NEPAL'S GOOD WISHES TOWARD HER NEIGHBORS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CUSTOMARY TIES BETWEEN NEPAL AND HER FRIENDS CAN BE STRENGTHENED. RELEVANT PASSAGES FOLLOW: BEGIN TEXT: ...AS FAR AS NEPAL IS CONCERNED, WE ARE FREE OF ANY FEELINGS OF ENVY, JEALOUSY OR BITTERNESS TOWARDS ANY. WE HAVE FREINDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL ON THE BASIS OF NON-ALIGNMENT. IT WAS WITH A VIEW TO EXPANDING THE AREA OF SUCH FRIENDSHIP THAT WE PAID VISITS TO SOME FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. NEPAL WISHES THE PROSPERITY AND STEADY PROGRESS OF ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOS WHICH ARE OUR NEIGHBORS. 'LIVE AND LET OTHERS LIVE' HAS BEEN OUR POLICY IN THE PAST. WE ARE GUIDED BY THIS POLICY TODAY AND WILL FIRMLY MAINTAIN IT TOMORROW. THE NEPALESE ARE ALL TOO AWARE THAT NO ONE BENEFITS FROM BELITTling OR SLIGHTING OTHERS. IN THIS REALIZATION IT IS OUR HOPE THAT EVERY NEPALESE WILL ENDEAVOR IN WHATEVER WAY HE CAN TO STRENGTHEN THE CUSTOMARY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NEPAL AND HER FRIENDS. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN RECENT STRAIN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA

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AND NEPAL, EMPHASIS OF MESSAGE ON GOODWILL TOWARD NEIGHBORS

CAN BE SEEN AS ATTEMPT TO SOOTH INDIAN IRRITATION OVER NEPALESE REACTION TO SIKKIM DEVELOPMENTS. WHILE REFERENCE TO "LIVE AND LET LIVE" COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ANOTHER BARB AT INDIA FOR SIKKIM ACTION, WE BELIEVE INTENTION OF HIS MAJESTY, REFLECTING CONCERN OVER WHAT NEPALESE VIEW AS DISPROPORTIONATE REACTION OF GOI TO NEPALESE DEMONSTRATIONS, IS TO BRING RELATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BACK TO MORE EVEN KEEL. WITH STATEMENT BY HIS MAJESTY AND RETURN OF INDIAN AMBASSADOR RASGOTRA TO NEPAL ON OCTOBER 27, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT BOTH GOI AND GON, BELIEVING THEIR RESPECTIVE POINTS TO HAVE BEEN MADE, HAVE BEGUN PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION.

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